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NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Notice is hereby given that the Superintendent of Insurance will hold a public hearing on November 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation building, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine to receive comments concerning the adoption of proposed Rule Chapter 857, Small Business Health Insurance Premium Support Program. The hearing will be held by an audio-visual link, and instructions for registering for and attending the hearing remotely, by either audio-visual link or telephone, are on the Bureau of Insurance [website](#).

The purposes of the proposed rule are to establish the necessary conditions and procedures to implement the Small Business Premium Support Program, including: the procedure for allocating the appropriated funding to Maine small group policyholders; setting the conditions and requirements for reimbursement to small group carriers of their provision of premium relief payments to small groups; and setting the conditions and requirements to provide reimbursement to small group carriers of their administrative costs in providing the premium relief payments.

A copy of the proposed rule is at <https://www.maine.gov/pfr/insurance/legal/rules/index.html>.

The rule is proposed in accordance with 24-A M.R.S. § 212 and unallocated language in P.L. 2021, ch. 483, Part C, An Act To Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds (L.D. 1733).

The primary sources of information relied upon by the Bureau of Insurance in developing the proposed rule are Bureau staff's professional judgment and P.L. 2021, ch. 483.

All interested persons are invited to provide oral comments at the hearing or to submit written comments. Written comments must be received no later than December 3, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. and should be addressed to: Brittnee Greenleaf, 34 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0034 or Brittnee.L.Greenleaf@maine.gov. A copy of the statement of impact on small business may be obtained from Ms. Greenleaf.

The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities. Individuals in need of auxiliary aid for effective communication in the hearing are invited to make their needs and preference known to Ms. Greenleaf either by e-mail or telephone at (207) 624-8491, sufficiently in advance of the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DATED: October 22, 2021

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Superintendent of Insurance